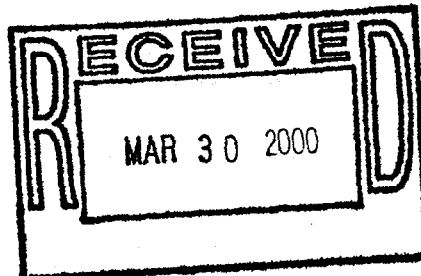


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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This notification is being made, as required by Section 403(r)(6)(c) of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, that Selfcare, Inc. / Inverness Medical Inc. intends to market a dietary supplement product with the following labeling statements of nutritional support:

SoyCare™ for Menopause
Dietary Supplement

- Reduces Hot Flashes & Night Sweats
- As you mature, your production of hormones slows down, which can result in hot flashes, vaginal dryness, and night sweats. Soy isoflavones are a natural plant hormone (phytoestrogen) that help you to reduce the everyday discomfort of menopause, while also supporting your body against other effects of hormone loss. Studies have shown that soy isoflavones deliver a host of other benefits for women.

If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to contact me at (781) 647-3900 ext. 174.

Best regards,

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